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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 VINCENT ROSENBALM, No. C 07-5571 SI (pr)

9 Plaintiff, **ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

10 v.

11 PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES,
12 Defendant.

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14 Plaintiff filed this action to appeal a decision of the California Supreme Court to deny his
15 petition for review in People v. Rosenbalm on October 24, 2007. Federal district courts are
16 courts of original jurisdiction and may not review the final determinations of a state court. See
17 District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462, 482-86 (1983); Rooker v.
18 Fidelity Trust Co., 263 U.S. 413, 415-16 (1923) (district courts may not exercise appellate
19 jurisdiction over state courts). The Rooker-Feldman doctrine essentially bars federal district
20 courts “from exercising subject matter jurisdiction over a suit that is a *de facto* appeal from a
21 state court judgment.” Kougasian v. TMSL, Inc., 359 F.3d 1136, 1139 (9th Cir. 2004).
22 Inasmuch as plaintiff clearly is trying to appeal the state court decision, this action must be
23 dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The clerk shall close the file.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: December 17, 2007

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28 SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge